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1. MFA ADDITIONAL SECRETARY NIAZ A. NAIK TOLD ME LAST NIGHT HE IS REASONABLY CONFIDENT PAKISTAN CAN SECURE ASIAN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT BEING VACATED BY IRAQ. NAIK RETURNED LAST SATURDAY FROM KAMPALA WHERE HE ATTENDED THE OAU CONFERENCE. HIS MISSION AT THE CONFERENCE WAS TO PROMOTE PAKISTAN'S CASE FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP. IT IS HIS ESTIMATE PAKISTAN CURRENTLY HAS 65-70 VOTES IN ITS FAVOR. THIS NUMBER HE SAID EXCLUDES FENCE-SITTERS SUCH AS THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA.

2. NAIK SAID PAKISTAN WAS ABLE TO SECURE STRONG SUPPORT FOR UNSC SEAT AT BOTH THE ISLAMIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND THE OAU CONFERENCE. AT ISLAMIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
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ONLY THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH "UNDER SOVIET INFLUENCE" (HE

NAMED EGYPT AND IRAQ) ACKNOWLEDGED SUPPORT FOR INDIA BUT BOTH EGYPT AND IRAQ PRIVATELY ASSURED PAKISTAN IT COULD EXPECT THEIR SUPPORT AS SOON AS ANY REASONABLE BASIS GIVEN FOR SWITCH, SUCH AS A SHOWING OF PAK STRENGTH IN ANY FIRST VOTE.

3. IT IS NAIK'S BELIEF CANDIDACY FOR ASIAN SEAT WILL NEVER COME TO A COMPETITIVE VOTE. HE EXPECTS PHILIPPINES WILL WITHDRAW AFTER LIMA AUGUST MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WHERE, HE SAID, IT SHOULD LEAR CONCLUSIVELY IT DOES NOT HAVE SUPPORT FOR THE UN SEAT. (NAIK COMMENTED THAT PHILIPPINES INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP IN ECOSOC COUNCIL AND THERE MIGHT BE A TRADE OFF.) NAIK EXPECTS INDIA, TOO, WILL ABOUT THAT TIME COME TO THE CONCLUSION IT CANNOT WIN AND WITH SOME FACE-SAVING SHOW OF DEFERENCE TO THE PAKS, WITHDRAW.
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